

15. (New) The magnetic material of claim 12, wherein said silica is present in the amount of 1.5% to 3% by weight.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-9 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as the Examiner found that the claims were not enabled. Specifically, the Examiner found that the recitation of bulk materials, colorants, thickeners, magnetic materials in any amounts and any composition, were not enabled by the specification. This rejection is respectfully traversed.


The specification discloses a magnetic dispersing material having a bulk material comprising liquid paraffin, a thickener comprising silica, a first colorant of titanium dioxide and a second colorant of benzo oxazole fluorescent whitener and iron powder as a magnetic material. While the specification has put forth the specific types of colorants, bulk material and thickener, along with the various proportions of these materials, the claims do not have to be limited to the various specifics of the preferred embodiment. One of ordinary skill in the art, after reviewing the disclosure material, appreciates that the invention is a combination of a bulk material, thickener, two colorants and a magnetic material and is able to make the magnetic dispersion medium disclosed. (The claims recite the enabled dispersion medium, only in broader terms.) The specifics of the invention are the subject of dependent claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 as being anticipated by a variety of prior art references. By this Amendment, the subject matter of claim 9, not rejected over prior art by the Examiner. In addition, claim 10 has been amended and new claims 12-14 to further define the invention.

The claims are allowable over the prior art and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, and the Examiner believes a telephone conversation would resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

A one-month extension of time accompanies this Amendment. If any additional fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

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1. (Amended) A magnetic [dispension] dispersion medium, comprising:

a bulk material,
a first colorant, wherein said first colorant is titanium dioxide,
a second colorant, wherein said second colorant is benzo oxazole fluorescent whitener,
a thickener, and
a magnetic material.

2. (Amended) The magnetic [dispension] dispersion material of claim 1, wherein said bulk material is liquid paraffin.

3. (Amended) The magnetic [dispension] dispersion material of claim 1, wherein said thickener is silica.

4. (Amended) The magnetic [dispension] dispersion material of claim 1, wherein said magnetic material is iron powder.

5. (Amended) The magnetic [dispension] dispersion material of claim 4, wherein said iron powder contains up to 17 percent manganese.

6. (Amended) The magnetic [dispension] dispersion material of claim 4, wherein said iron powder has particles less than 100 microns in diameter.

7. Cancelled

8. Cancelled

9. Cancelled

10. (Amended) A magnetic [dispension] dispersion medium, comprising:

a bulk material,
a colorant, said colorant being benzo oxazole fluorescent whitener,
a thickener, and
a magnetic material.

12. (New) A magnetic dispersion medium, comprising:
liquid paraffin as a bulk material,
silica for thickening,
benzo oxazole fluorescent whitener, as a first colorant,
titanium dioxide as a second colorant, and
iron powder.

13. (New) The magnetic dispersion material of claim 12, wherein said benzo oxazole fluorescent whitener is .005% by weight.

14. (New) The magnetic material of claim 12, wherein said titanium dioxide is present in the amount of 1.5% to 3% by weight.

15. (New) The magnetic material of claim 12, wherein said silica is present in the amount of 1.5% to 3% by weight.